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Re:

**Feasibility Study Scoping Document** 

-Port-of-Portland-Terminal-1-South-

Portland, Oregon

ECSI # 2642

<u>Denver</u>

Dear Mr. Mollusky:

**Edmonds** 

This letter documents the proposed scope of the feasibility study (FS) for the Port of Portland Terminal 1 South Site (T1S Site) in Portland, Oregon (Figure 1). The purpose of the FS is to develop and evaluate potential remedial action alternatives for contaminants of concern (COCs) in the affected media and to recommend an alternative for implementation at the site. In this letter, we identify the overall scope of work for the FS-and present-the remedial action alternatives proposed for detailed evaluation.

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#### **GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

Jersey City

The FS will be completed in accordance with OAR 340-122-085 through -090 and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) guidance for conducting feasibility studies (Guidance for Conducting Feasibility Studies, July 1, 1998). The FS will use a comprehensive, rational process to identify the alternative that best meets the statutory selection criteria. Major tasks associated with the FS include:

Juneau

Development of remedial action alternatives;

Long Beach

Evaluation of remedial action alternatives; and

FS report.

## Development of Remedial Action Alternatives

Portland

The development of the remedial action alternatives is summarized in this letter. Remedial action alternatives were developed using the following process:

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■ Summ	narize the remedial investigation and risk assess	ment;
Identi	fy remedial action objectives (RAOs);	
■ Identii	fy the quantity/location of media exceeding the	e RAOs;
■ Identi	fy general response actions;	
■ ldenti	fy and screen remedial action technologies; an	d
■ Assem	nble remedial action alternatives.	
Evaluati	ion of Remedial Action Alternatives	
For each	of the potentially feasible remedial action altern	natives, the FS will evaluate
	alternatives based on the following (OAR 340	122-085[4]):
Prote	ctiveness;	
■ Balan	cing of remedy selection factors (effectiveness,	long-term reliability,
imple	mentability, implementation risk, and reasonab	leness of cost); and
<b>■</b> Treatr	ment of hot spots, if present.	
	ill evaluate the feasibility of treatment of hot sp	
factors (lis	sted above) with the higher threshold for cost r	easonableness. The higher
	is applied only so long as the hot spot exists.	
treatment	t will be evaluated in the same manner as any c	otner alternative.
After the	individual evaluation of the alternatives, the FS	will include a comparative
evaluatio	n of the alternatives to identify the alternative the	hat best meets the evaluation criteria.
Feasibil	lity Study Report	
	ort will be prepared presenting the results of the	a corponing process final ranking of
A rs repo	site alternatives, and the recommended alterna	tive The FS report will be prepared
in genera	l accordance with the following outline:	·
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3	.0 Remedial Action Objectives and Evaluati	on Criteria
	:0 Area and Volume of Contamination	



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7.0 Comparative Evaluation of Remedial Action Alternatives 8.0 Recommendations and Residual Risk Assessment	·
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DEVELOPMENT OF REMEDIAL ACTION ALTERNATIVES	
Remedial Investigation	
This section summarizes the description and history of the site. A more de-	tailed description
of environmental activities and the results of the remedial investigation (RI)	conducted at the
site are provided in the Terminal 1 South Remedial Investigation Report (Vo	olumes 1 and 2)
— prepared by Hahn-and Associates (Hahn-and Associates, 2001a) and the M	1 <del>onitoring Well</del>
Installation and Groundwater Sampling Report (Hahn and Associates, 2001	b).
Site Description and History. The T1S Site is located at 2100 NW Front A	venue in
Portland, Oregon (Figure 1). The site consists of approximately 21 acres th	at are almost
completely paved with asphalt or concrete or covered by buildings (Figure	2). Two primary
structures, designated as Warehouse No. 2 and House No. 104, are curren	
T1S Site. An extensive dock structure is present over submerged lands at B and 106.	Berths 104, 105,
Historically, Terminal 1 has been used for the staging of lumber, logs, paper	r products, steel
containers, and bagged grain. Various companies have owned or leased p	ortions of the
Terminal 1 South Complex (see Remedial Investigation [RI] Report; Hahn a	nd Associates,
2001a). The T1S Site will be redeveloped for residential and commercial p	urposes
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Environmental investigations conducted at the site identified T1S Site soils a	and groundwater
concentrations exceeding screening levels. Likely or potential sources of co	ontamination

include underground storage tanks and dry wells. Petroleum hydrocarbons and metals were identified as contaminants of interest.

## Human Health Risk Assessment

Hart Crowser conducted a human health risk assessment (HHRA) and a Level 1 Scoping and-Modified-Level-2-Screening-ecological-risk-assessment-(ERA)-for-the-T-1S-Site-(Hart-Crowser, 2002). Potentially exposed populations that were evaluated in the HHRA include future residents, current and future commercial workers, and future utility/excavation workers. Under the future resident and current/future commercial worker scenario, data



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was evaluated from depth ranges of 0 to 3 feet below ground surface (bgs). For the future utility/excavation worker, data was evaluated from 0 to 15 feet bgs. The site was divided into three Areas of Concern (AOC), and separate risk calculations and risk estimates were conducted for each area. The AOCs are presented on Figure 2. Risk and hazard estimates were evaluated for each area (A, B, or C) and are described below.

#### Area A Risk and Hazard Estimates

The exposure pathways that were quantitatively evaluated at Area A were soil ingestion, dermal contact with soil, inhalation of volatiles from groundwater, and inhalation of fugitive dust.

Residential. The assessment of risks to residential receptors at Area A indicated that polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), arsenic, and lead exceeded the DEQ acceptable risk level.

**Commercial Worker.** For the commercial worker exposure scenario, unacceptable risks were identified for benzo(a)pyrene, arsenic, and lead.

**Excavation Worker.** For the excavation worker exposure scenario, only lead was present above the acceptable risk level.

### Area B Risk and Hazard Estimates

The exposure pathways that were quantitatively evaluated at Area B-were soil ingestion, dermal contact with soil, and inhalation of fugitive dust. No VOCs were detected in Area B soil or groundwater.

**Residential.** The assessment of risks to residential receptors at Area B indicated that benzo(a)pyrene and arsenic exceeded the DEQ acceptable risk level (see below for discussion of arsenic).

**Commercial Worker.** For the commercial worker exposure scenario, only arsenic exceeded the DEQ acceptable risk level (see below for discussion of arsenic).

Excavation Worker. No unacceptable risks were estimated for the excavation worker exposure in Area B

Arsenic Below Background. Arsenic was identified as a carcinogen resulting in-

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unacceptable risks in Area B for residential and commercial worker scenarios. However, there were no detected concentrations of arsenic in soils in Area B that exceeded the site specific background level of 5.3 mg/kg identified in the RI (Hahn and Associates, 2001). Therefore, the only identified unacceptable risk for Area B resulted from benzo(a)pyrene under the residential exposure scenario.

#### Area C Risk and Hazard Estimates

The exposure pathways that were quantitatively evaluated at Area C were soil ingestion, dermal contact with soil, and inhalation of fugitive dust. No VOCs were detected in Area C soil or groundwater. Arsenic is the only COPC for Area C. Arsenic was identified as a carcinogen resulting in unacceptable risks in Area C for residential and commercial worker scenarios. However, there were no detections of arsenic in soil (depths 0 to 3 feet bgs) in Area C that exceeded the site specific background level of 5.3 mg/kg identified in the RI (Hahn and Associates, 2001a). Therefore, there are no unacceptable risks for Area C.

## Ecological Risk Assessment

The Level 1 Scoping ERA did not identify any ecologically important species or habitats at the T1S Site. The site is almost entirely paved or covered by buildings. The absence of upland habitat indicates there are no complete exposure pathways for terrestrial ecological receptors to come in contact with contaminated soil at the T1S Site.

A Modified Level 2 Screening ERA was conducted on the available groundwater monitoring well data collected at this site. There were no detected concentrations of organic constituents in the seven groundwater monitoring wells that exceeded their corresponding Ecological Screening Benchmark Values (SBVs). There were two metals (copper and lead) detected in groundwater that exceeded SBVs based on the analysis of unfiltered, total metals, but when the same samples were analyzed for dissolved metals, copper and lead were not detected. The dissolved fraction of metals represents the bioavailable fraction in aqueous environmental media. Therefore, it is concluded that there is no potential for adverse ecological impacts to aquatic ecological receptors from the discharge of groundwater to the Willamette River.

## Hot Spot Evaluation

As part of the evaluation of alternatives, the feasibility study must distinguish between contamination that does and does not constitute a hot spot (OAR 340-122-085(5), (6), and (7) and OAR 340-122-090(4)). The definition and evaluation of hot spots differs depending



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on whether water (groundwater or surface water) or media other than water are being considered (media other than water include soil, debris, sediment, wastes, non-aqueous phase liquid, and other materials). Hot spots are defined as specified OAR 340-122-115(31).

For soil, hot spots are defined as locations where there is unacceptable baseline risk, and the contaminant is highly-concentrated, highly mobile, or not reliably contained, or where soil contamination could leach to groundwater and cause a hot spot in groundwater. To assess the "highly concentrated" criterion, soil concentration data were compared against concentrations corresponding to 1 x 10<sup>4</sup> risk level or a hazard index of 10 as defined by the risk assessment (i.e., 100 times or 10 times the acceptable risk level for carcinogens and non-carcinogens, respectively). To assess "highly mobile" or "not reliably contained," we reviewed field logs for the presence of free-phase petroleum hydrocarbons.

Hazardous substances (PAHs, lead, and arsenic) are present at the T1S Site. With the exception of two samples, individual carcinogenic risk estimates are less than 100 times the acceptable risk level (1 x 10<sup>-4</sup>), and noncarcinogenic risk-estimates are less than 10 times the acceptable risk level. Inspection of field logs did not identify indicators of free-phase petroleum hydrocarbons. Samples B-68 and B-92 had benzo(a)pyrene concentrations (7.05 mg/kg and 2.35 mg/kg, respectively) greater than the concentration corresponding to a risk level of 1 x 10<sup>-4</sup> (2.1 mg/kg). Sample B-68 also had a lead concentration (6,190 mg/kg) greater than Hot Spot level (4,000 mg/kg). The B-68 and B-92 samples were collected from Area A and Area B, respectively (see Figure 2). In addition, PAHs are relatively immobile and are not likely to migrate (as supported by the lack of detections in groundwater). Therefore, soil hot spots (resulting from two soil samples) are present at B-68 and B-92.

## Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs)

Remedial action objectives are specific goals for protecting human health and the environment. The selected remedy must achieve the RAOs. The RAOs were developed based on the standards for protectiveness in OAR 340-122-040(2) and the requirements that hot spots must be treated to the extent feasible. The remedial action objectives are defined to address the unacceptable risks determined by the baseline risk assessment. These risks are reviewed in the section above. In summary, there is an unacceptable risk to human receptors as follows:

#### Area A

■ Future resident or commercial worker dermal contact or ingestion of soil with PAHs, lead, and arsenic; and



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■ Excavation worker dermal contact or ingestion of soil with lead.

#### Area B

■ Future resident dermal contact or ingestion of soil with benzo(a)pyrene.

Therefore, the remedial action objective is:

Prevent human contact or ingestion of soil impacted by PAHs, lead, and arsenic above the cleanup levels listed below:

	COPC	Residential		
		Remedial Action Levels (mg/kg)		
		Cleanup Level <sup>1</sup>	Hot Spot Level <sup>2</sup>	
	Lead	400	4,000	
	PAHs			
	benzo(a)pyrene	0.021	2.1	
_	benzo(a)anthracene	0.21	21	
	dibenz(a,h)anthracene	0.021	2.1	
	benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.21	21 -	
	indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene-	0.21	21	
-	Arsenic	5.33 <sup>3</sup>	384	

#### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Based on Human Health Risk Assessment (Hart Crowser, 2002), except arsenic (see footnote 3).
- <sup>2</sup> Calculated based on 100 times (carcinogens) or 10 times (noncarcinogens) the established Cleanup Level.
- Based on Statistical Background Concentration (Hahn and Associates, 2001).
- Calculated based on 100 times the acceptable risk level. Arsenic residential soil acceptable risk level is 0.38 mg/kg (Region 9 Preliminary Remediation Goals [EPA, 2000]).

## Location and Quantity of Soil Above RAOs

The estimated area and volume associated with soil exceeding the Cleanup or Hot Spot Level will be developed in the FS.



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Identify General Response Actions/Screen Rem	edial Technologies
Initially, technologies associated with a list of general resp	onse actions were screened for
applicability based on site conditions, contaminant type, a	•
remedial action objective. General response actions are b	<b>~</b>
measures that address-the remedial action-objectives. Ar	
alone remedial action alternative, or a component of a co	mprehensive alternative. The list
of general response actions includes:	
■ No Action;	
■ Institutional Controls;	
Removal;	·
■ Containment;	
■ In-Situ Biological Treatment;	-
■ In-Situ Physical/Chemical/Thermal Treatment;	
■ Ex-Situ Biological-Treatment; and	
■ Ex-Situ Physical/Chemical/Thermal Treatment	
Table 1 lists the general response actions together with rep	oresentative remedial action
technologies. Based on the future site use, and type and e	
remedial action alternatives were screened to identify a lis	
detailed evaluation. The results of the screening are show.	
options eliminated from further-consideration. Remedial a	action technologies for soil that
remained following the initial screening include:	
■ No action;	
■ Monitoring of soil;	·
■ Institutional/Engineering controls;	·
■ Cover;	

■ Off-Site landfill disposal of soil; and

■ Thermal desorption.

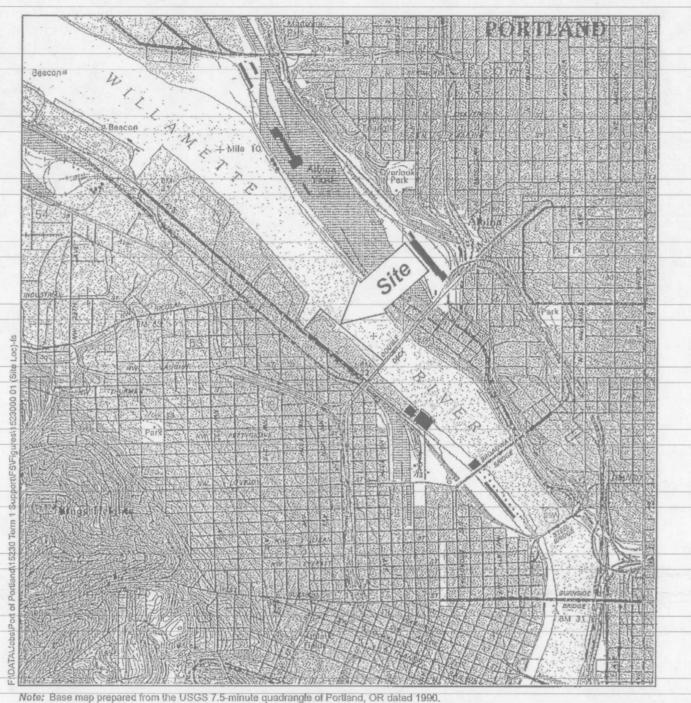


Department of Environmental Quality 15230 February 6, 2002 Page 9 Several of these technologies are not useable without being combined with other technologies. As appropriate, technologies were combined to form functional alternatives (such as combining excavation with off-site disposal). Monitoring is considered to be part of each alternative except No Action. The No Action alternative is kept through the screening process to serve as a baseline for comparison. Assemble Remedial Action Alternatives Technologies remaining after the screening process were assembled into remedial action alternatives. The potential alternatives that will be evaluated in detail in the FS include: No action; Cover (including hot spot excavation and disposal and institutional/engineering controls to address excavation worker-scenario);-Excavation with off-site landfill disposal; and Excavation with thermal treatment. If we may provide any additional information or clarification of this letter, please call us. Sincerely, HART CROWSER, INC. \$ 47 9ES: DEC. 31, 2003 LEVI FERNANDES HERBERT F. CLOUGH, P.E. Staff Environmental Engineer Principal Attachments:-Table 1 - Initial Screening and Evaluation of Technologies for Soil Figure 1 - Site Location Map Figure 2 - Site Plan



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Seneral Response Action	Technology	Description	Effectiveness	Screening Comments
NO ACTION	None	No Action	Not Effective	Retained as a baseline for comparison.
NSTITUTIONAL CONTROL	Access Restriction	Restrict access with physical and/or legal barriers.	Effective at preventing direct contact.	Applicable in conjunction with other technologies.
	Monitoring	Laboratory analyses of soil samples.	Effective for documenting conditions and concentrations of contaminants remaining in the soil.	Applicable to document effectiveness of other treatment (echnologies.
REMOVAL	Excavation	Runoval of contaminated soil, using conventional equipment or specialized methods where needed.	Effective to depths of up to 20 to 30 feet, but may require dewatering ancion shoring for depths over a few feet.	Applicable to shallow source soils.
	Disposal	Disposal of excavated spils in suitable landfill.	Effective, but does not reduce volume or texicity of contamination.	Applicable for handling excavated soils. May have future tability
CONTAINMENT	Cover	Cover area of contaminated soll with Impermeable (or sempermeable) cover.	Effective at preventing direct contact. May reduce mobilization of contaminants (reduction of precipitation infiltration).	Applicable to minimize direct contact with contaminated soft.
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Figure 1

Site Plan

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